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2019 HOFeR EMILY DURR TO COACH AT UNIVERSITY OF DAYTON



Emily Durr, inducted into the GUSHOF in 2018, the largest induction class in 20+ years, left Mohawk Valley Community College this summer to become an Assistant Coach at Division I Dayton. Durr will be doing much more than just coaching while with the Flyers. She is slated to be directly involved in scheduling and player development.



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**NEWEST HOF INDUCTEE, BRI KIESEL, TO COACH
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Just a few weeks after being selected for the 2021 Class of Inductees for the GUSHOF, Brianna Kiesel was hired as an Assistant Coach at her alma mater, the University of Pittsburgh. Lance White, head coach, announced the Kiesel's hiring by saying her "knowledge of the game matches her love for Pitt." Congratulations to the former Pitt star and WNBA alumnae.

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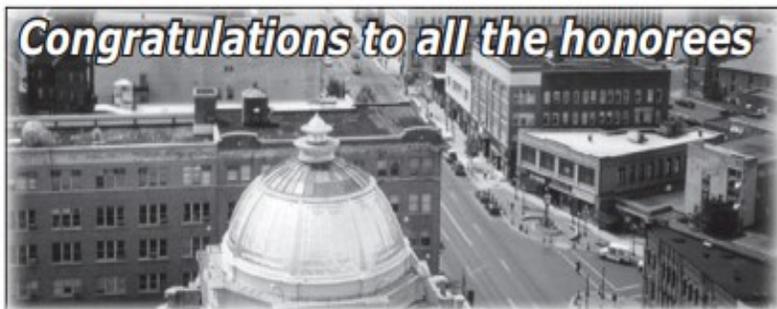
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I want to take this opportunity to welcome everyone to our 31st Anniversary Induction Ceremony. Thirty-one years ago, the late Phyllis D. Calogero, herself a Hall of Fame inductee, had a vision to honor those who made a difference in local sports. Today, her vision has become a strong reality, and many of the area's finest players, coaches, officials, administrators and supporters have been recognized for their tremendous accomplishments both on and off the field of play.



I am honored to serve as President of this esteemed Boards of Directors . Gifted with unlimited talents and skills, this august group works tirelessly for the betterment of the Hall of Fame and all its members. I cannot thank them enough for their fine work and dedication to the organization.

This year's class is chock full of accomplishments. All of these inductees deserve this honor, and the Greater Utica Sports Hall of Fame becomes much more prominent with their inductions. Please take some time and tour the Greater Utica Sports Hall of Fame. The plaques are housed at the former Woolworth's Building, now Adirondack Bank, located at 177 Genesee Street in Historical Downtown Utica.

In this book you will find a copy of our Nomination Form. Please consider filling out a nomination form. Your nominations (you can submit as many different ones as you please) would greatly be appreciated.

In the meantime, sit back and enjoy the food, fun and camaraderie among the crowd. And take a moment to congratulate some of the finest athletes the Greater Utica area has produced.

Sincerely yours,
Ralph Lupia

THE MILLS FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP

The Mills Family Scholarship is presented to a high school baseball player who has played Varsity, was a manager or statistician for the baseball team, and exhibits strong leadership, good character and has participated in community service through volunteerism. Financial hardship is strongly considered and a minimum GPA of 80 is required to apply. This scholarship was established by William Mills, Jr. in memory of his father Billy Mills, Sr., a member of the Class of 1993, a noted baseball comedian, his grandfather Art Mills, Class of 2001 who played in the Major Leagues, and his great-grandfather Wee Willie Mills who also played major league baseball.

LAURA BRADLEY MEMORIAL FEMALE ATHLETE AWARD

The Laura A. Bradley Memorial Female Athlete Award is presented to a high school female athlete pursuing a career in Mathematics or has been strong in Mathematics courses, is a positive role model among her peers, exhibits strong leadership, is fun-loving, presents a genuine concern for others, has good sportsmanship skills as well as being a dedicated to her team and teammates, and has participated in community service through volunteerism. Financial hardship is strongly considered and a minimum GPA of 80 is required to apply. Named in memory of Laura A. Bradley, a member of the Class of 1997, a judo star who served until her untimely passing as Secretary of the Board of Directors of the GUSHOF.

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EARLE REED, CLASS OF 1991, HONORED WITH BUST NEAR BOILERMAKER START

1991 Hall of Fame Inductee Earle Reed, the founder of the Utica Boilermaker, former president of Utica Boilers, and chairman of ECR International, was honored on Sunday, July 11, 2021 in a brief unveiling ceremony of his bust and a landscaped reflection area in front of ECR International on Dwyer Avenue in Utica, a few short strides away from the Boilermaker starting line. Reed began the Boilermaker in 1978 as a way to celebrate the 50th anniversary of Utica Boilers (now ECR International) and to express gratitude for the supportive community that helped the company thrive. Congratulations Earle!



2021 INDUCTION DEDICATION LAURA BRADLEY, GUSHOF 1997



This year, the Greater Utica Sports Hall of Fame Board of Directors has dedicated the induction ceremonies in memory of longtime member of the Hall of Fame and sitting Secretary of the Board, Laura Bradley, who passed away unexpectedly on Tuesday, January 7, 2020. Laura, who was inducted in 1997, was a valuable and integral part of the entire operation of the Hall of Fame, and her absence is felt on a daily basis.

Laura was born on November 4, 1963, in New Hartford, the daughter of Robert and Alice Bradley. Laura was raised by her beloved aunt, Mary Bradley, from an early age upon losing her parents. Mary passed away in 2007. Laura was a graduate of UFA and SUNY Brockport where she received a Bachelor's and Master's Degree in Education. Laura was a teacher at Donovan Middle School.

Laura began taking Judo lessons at 11 years old, earning the rank of 2nd degree black belt. In 1997, she was inducted in the Greater Utica Sports Hall of Fame. Laura was a Judo instructor for over 10 years. Laura was a sports fan, especially of the New York Yankees. She was an auxiliary member of the American Legion Utica Post 229.

Laura's family and friends have instituted a memorial scholarship with the GUSHOF in her name that will assuredly carry on her legacy for years to come.



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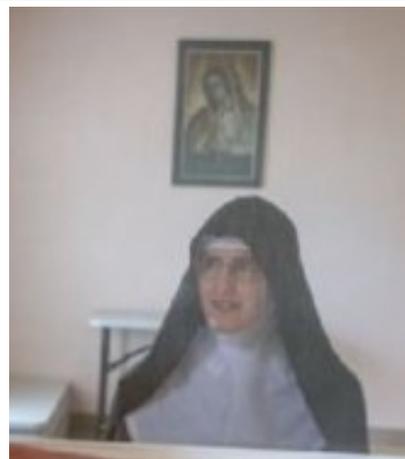
GUSHOF Inductee Kristin Quackenbush was among West Virginia University's first group of selections in its new *Mountaineer Legacy Society* program. Quackenbush, who was inducted into the Hall of Fame in 1999, was selected for her accomplishments in women's cross country and track and field. She is also a member of the WVU's Athletic Hall of Fame, being inducted in 2009.

BUMPUS-PENOYER, CLASS OF 2015, NAMED SOFTBALL COACH OF THE YEAR



Chittenango High School Softball Coach and 2015 GUSHOF Inductee Robin Bumpus-Penoyer was selected the 2021 Liberty League Division III Softball Coach of the Year after leading her squad to an 8-0 record. Her softball players achieved success with the Division Title, Pitcher of the Year, Four 1st Team All-League Selections, Four 2nd Team All-League Selections with Two Honorable Mentions. Congratulations Robin!

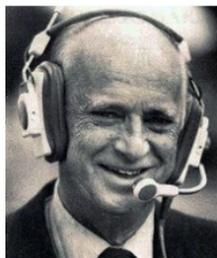
PENNEFATHER, NOW SISTER ROSE MARIE, CLASS OF 1998, SPOTLIGHTED IN ESPN PROFILE



Sister Rose Marie of the Queen of Angels, formerly legendary women's basketball star from Notre Dame High School and Villanova University Shelley Pennefather, was spotlighted by ESPN shortly after our last Induction Ceremony. Honoring and recognizing her silver jubilee as a cloistered nun, ESPN told the remarkable story of Sister Rose Marie and how she forwent untold amounts of money to live a life of poverty praying for humanity. You can read this wonderful story at https://www.espn.com/womens-college-basketball/story/_/id/27297631/happened-villanova-basketball-star-shelly-pennefather-made-deal-god. God bless you Sister Rose Marie.



We Honor Lloyd Walsh Class of 1993



Lloyd Walsh, 99, was the "voice" of Colgate University and Utica area high school basketball for over three decades. Lloyd enlisted in the Army in 1942 and was a combat infantryman in the 35th Division, part of General Patton IS 111rd Army. With this year the 77th Anniversary of D-Day, let's honor Lloyd for his participation in liberating France from the Nazis during those months of WWII. Thank you Lloyd, we love you!

MARK MOWERS, GUSHOF '18, SCOUTING FOR MINNESOTA WILD OF NHL

2018 GUSHOF Inductee Mark Mowers has been a pro scout with the Minnesota Wild since his induction. A former pro hockey player, Mowers played in the National Hockey League with the Nashville Predators, Detroit Red Wings, Boston Bruins and Anaheim Ducks, in addition to stops in the IHL, AHL and stops overseas.





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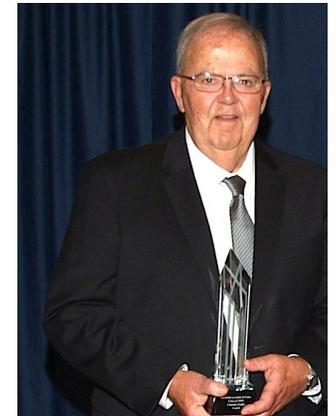
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WE REMEMBER: CHARLIE ENGLE, GUSHOF 2017

2017 GUSHOF Inductee Charlie Engle, whose record as Leonardsville/Mount Markham's soccer coach of 654-233-44 is among the top ten in the entire nation, passed away November 12, 2020. Elected to the NYSHS Soccer HOF in 2010, Engle's teams won 19 league championships and 13 section titles while appearing in the 3 state Final Fours and one NYS Championship game (1986). He also served as the Section II Boys Soccer Chair for 25 years.



The History of the Greater Utica Sports Hall of Fame



On April 13, 1990, the charter members of the Greater Utica Sports Hall of Fame were announced in the lobby of Utica City Hall.

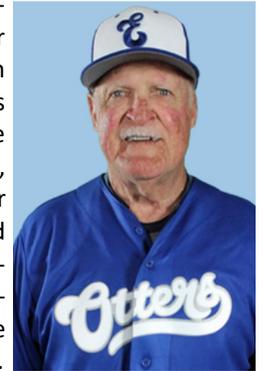
Among the inductees are people who made names for themselves in every sport imaginable. These fine athletes, coaches, officials, administrators, executives, and supporters have achieved fame, fortune, respect and admiration from all over the United States. The Utica area's athletic heroes have impacted the sports world in every corner of the country and in several parts of the world. The members of the Greater Utica Sports Hall of Fame have shined bright lights on our area through their tremendous accomplishments on and off of the field of play. All should be proud that their careers began here.

The logo that sits at the top of this page was designed by Allen Gilberti in 1988. The meaning behind its design is simple – the large “U” stands for “Greater Utica” and the flame in the center signifies the glow of posterity. Without a doubt those who have already been inducted and will be inducted in the future will forever be remembered in posterity.

A small sampling of the recognition and adulation the Greater Utica Sports Hall of Fame inductees have garnered in the various sports they have played or coached include having Hall of Famer Lou Ambers in the International Boxing Hall of Fame; Jerry Walczak and Leonard Maida in the New York State Public High School Athletic Association's Hall of Fame. Ted Kroll was a member of three Ryder Cup golf teams. Billy Mills was honored by the National Baseball Congress in 1953. Lou Lazaro is a member of the Fonda Speedway Hall of Fame, the DIRT Motorsports Hall of Fame, The New York State Stock Car Association Hall of Fame, and the Eastern Motorsports Press Association Hall of Fame. Ted Schoff, Joe Milazzo, Jim LaFountain and Hal Schumacher are members of the Mohawk Valley Baseball Hall of Fame. Hank Brown has broadcast several National Baseball Hall of Fame exhibition games and Olympic and International Boxing matches. Dave D'Alessandro is referred to as the man who saved the Boston Marathon.

GUSHOF MEMBER CHARLES “BOOTS” DAY, CLASS OF '93, IN 55TH YEAR OF PRO BALL

Charles "Boots" Day, Class of 1993, is in his 11th season as a coach with the Evansville Otters, his 55th year overall in pro baseball. The Ilion native was the Darren Bush Frontier League Coach of the Year in 2012, his first year back in Evansville. Day played Major League Baseball as an outfielder for the St. Louis Cardinals, Chicago Cubs and Montreal Expos during a six-year stint. In 1971, Day hit .283 with four home runs and 33 RBI for the Expos. After his playing days, Day managed in the minor leagues and has been a hitting instructor for two MLB organizations. He guided the Otters to a 31-38 record as their first manager in 1995.



GUSHOF MEMBER VIC CARUCCI, CLASS OF '11, RETIRES FROM *BUFFALO NEWS*



2011 GUSHOFer Vic Carucci, one of the giants of the Buffalo sports media landscape, has retired from *The Buffalo News*, effective August 1, 2021. Carucci will continue to broadcast nationally on SiriusXM NFL Radio, and he'll have a weekly show on WGRZ Channel 2 in Buffalo as well. Carucci has been covering the NFL in some fashion for more than four decades. In addition to his newspaper work at companies like *The Buffalo News*, he has contributed to the Buffalo Bills Radio Network, SiriusXM NFL Radio, ESPN, NFL Network, and other media outlets. He's authored ten books about football, including multiple NY Times Bestsellers. He's also a past president of the Pro Football Writers of America.

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Other area athletic stars with instant name recognition who began their careers here in the Greater Utica area include Mark Lemke, Ted Lepcio, Dave Cash, Art Mills, Andy Van Slyke, Hal White, Charles “Boots” Day, and George Burns in baseball; Wayne Levi, Cash Garvey, Moira Dunn-Bohls, and Edward Furgol in golf; “Bushy” Graham in boxing; John Pitaressi, Don Staffo, Vic Carucci and Lloyd Walsh in the media; Ian Anderson, Ted Sator, Mark Mowers and Jack Kane in hockey; Dennis Gregory and Irene Wurz in bowling; Laura Bradley in judo; Cedric Oliver, Paul Stappenback, Shelly Pennefather, Emily Durr, and Ron Barr in basketball; Rosario “Russ” Dalia and William Shaughnessy in Tennis; Richie Evans in NASCAR; Val Bialas and Erin Hamlin in the Olympics, and Byron Abraham, Ernest Jones and Will Smith in football. And, of course, Mike Slive in the NCAA. The list goes on and on!

The Greater Utica Sports Hall of Fame adds five distinguished individuals to its roster of Hall of Famers today. They only add greater luster, additional esteem and further prestige to this venerated collection of exceptional athletes, coaches, administrators, officials, and executives. Congratulations to all of you on an achievement well-deserved.

-Lou Parrotta, Past President
September 26, 2021



Past Inductees of the Greater Utica Sports Hall of Fame at the Hall of Fame’s new home at 177 Genesee Street in Downtown Utica. L-R: Stan “Buddy” Evans, John Cunningham, Jackie Tompkins, Frank Chiffy, Lawrence Calabrese, the Late Laura Bradley, Ron Barr, Ralph Lupia, Wendy Sanders, Mike Tomassetti, the Late Mike Damsky, John Pitarresi, and David Guido.



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TOM BLACKFORD

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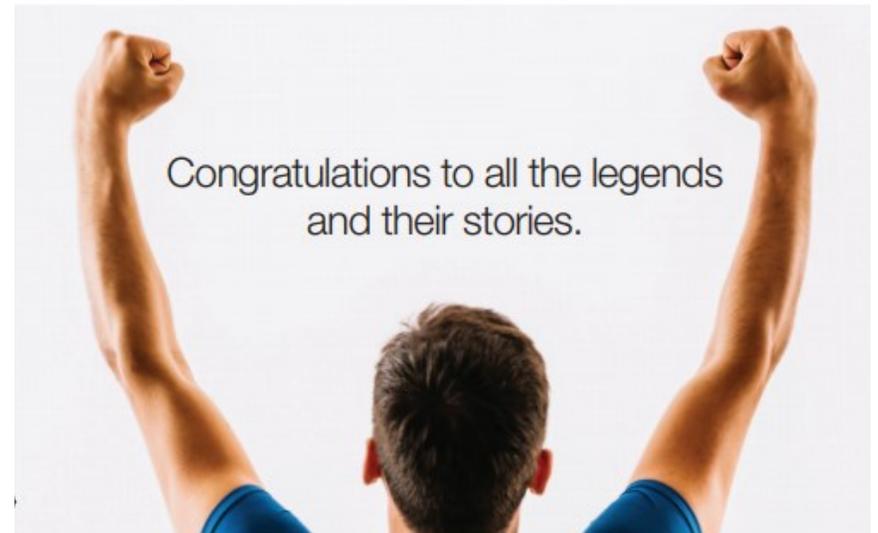


When Tom Blackford coached the Hamilton Central boys basketball team to back-to-back trips to the state's final four and ultimately the Class D championship in 1994, 6-foot-10 phenom Adonal Foyle was the center of attention. After leading Hamilton to 50 wins in those two seasons, Foyle went on to star at Colgate University and play 10 years in the NBA.

What did Blackford and the Emerald Knights do without him? They kept on winning.

Hamilton has made three more trips to the final four, winning another state championship in 2000 and returning to the Class D final in 2001. Ten years later, Blackford was inducted into the New York State Basketball Hall of Fame.

Now, six years since his return to Hamilton after a 14-year stint at Class AA Fayetteville-Manlius, Blackford enters his 40th season with a 562-285 record, two state championships, 13 league titles and five Section III and Central Region titles. Those 562 career wins leave him just 10 shy of becoming the all-time leader in Section III boys basketball history.



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Blackford, a member of the Cazenovia Hall of Fame and Hamilton Hall of Honor, took over at Hamilton in 1982. Before leaving for Fayetteville-Manlius 20 years later, his Hamilton teams won two state titles, five Section III titles, and six league titles.

In their first trip to the Glens Falls Civic Center and the Class D state final four, Blackford's Emerald Knights lost to eventual champion Clyde-Savannah in the 1993 semifinals. When they returned a year later, Foyle set tournament records with 47 points and 25 rebounds in a semifinal win over Hermon-DeKalb and then led Hamilton to a 59-39 victory over Tuckahoe in the championship game.

Blackford and the Emerald Knights earned another final four trip in 1997, this time led by a self-proclaimed bunch of lovable "Misfits." And a few years later, with a team featuring Colin Ray, Luke Graham, Phil Nelson, Shaun Marcellus, Bryan Raisa and Peter Mayer, Blackford coached Hamilton to another Class D state title. The Emerald Knights used a late 17-0 run to oust previously unbeaten and state-ranked No. 1 Sherman in the 2000 semifinals and then outlasted downstate powerhouse Alexander Hamilton 91-86 in a triple-overtime thriller - at the time, the longest final four game in state tournament history.

Blackford's Emerald Knights returned the following year, reaching the 2001 championship game before losing to Batavia Notre Dame 62-61. That 2001 Hamilton class graduated with a four-year record of 92-8.

Blackford, a tireless worker best known for his teams' 1-3-1 zone, has earned a five-star "Best Seller" rating for his Championship Productions video "Aggressive 1-3-1 Zone Defense." At Fayetteville-Manlius, that defense helped Blackford's Class AA Hornets go 180-114 in 14 seasons.

When he returned to Hamilton, Blackford told his players: "Get the bug, fall in love with the game, work at it, and have fun doing it."

That is what Tom Blackford has done for 39 years, and counting.



BRIANNA KIESEL

MODERN ATHLETE



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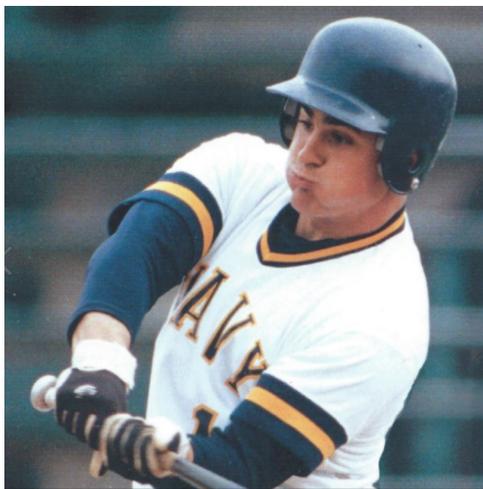
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It's no wonder former high school, college and professional basketball star Brianna Kiesel is the only female athlete from Utica's Thomas R. Proctor High School to have her jersey retired. Before entering the Women's National Basketball Association (WNBA) and playing professionally overseas, Kiesel was a school record-setting point guard at Proctor and an Atlantic Coast Conference (ACC) all-star and three-year team captain at the University of Pittsburgh.

Now a women's basketball assistant coach back at Pittsburgh, Kiesel ended her Proctor High School career as the all-time leader in points (1,723), assists and steals. As a senior, she shared Central New York Counties League Player-of-the-Year honors with eventual NCAA Player of the Year and WNBA Most Valuable Player Breanna Stewart. She also was the All-Mohawk Valley Player of the Year and a Class AA second-team all-state selection.

Kiesel ended her collegiate career as the first Pitt player in program history to score 1,500 points, grab 500 rebounds and hand out 400 assists. She finished as the Panthers' all-time leader in minutes played and she was fifth in points (1,938), fifth in assists and eighth in steals.

A member of the Big East Conference All-Freshmen Team and an All-Big East Honorable Mention, Kiesel went on to earn several ACC honors with the Panthers. In 2014-15, she averaged 18.4 points and 4.5 assists and made the All-ACC First Team, the All-ACC Defensive Team, and the ACC's All-Academic Team. Kiesel also was a WBCA Region 2 All-American nominee and was the first Pitt player to earn USBWA Player of the Week and ACC Player of the Week honors.

Only the second Pitt woman to be drafted, Kiesel was a second-round selection - the 13th pick overall - in the 2015 WNBA Draft. She played 58 WNBA games with Tulsa, Dallas and Atlanta and then went on to play professionally for five teams in four different countries, including Poland, Sweden, Hungary and Israel.

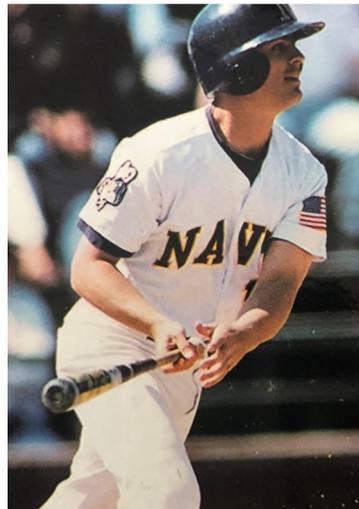
Kiesel earned multiple first-team all-league honors overseas, most recently playing in Hungary, where she averaged 17.5 points and 6.5 assists.

In addition to her many basketball accomplishments, Kiesel fits the definition of a scholar athlete, and she is a high-character person who gives back to her community and is proud of her hometown. She credits her parents, coaches, peers and the community at large for her success, and she always will be an outstanding example of something good that has come out of Proctor High School and Utica, New York.



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**WE REMEMBER:
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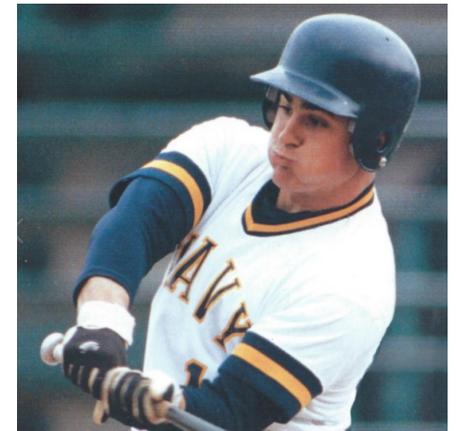
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Steven Mauro was born in Utica on August 10, 1972, the son of Salvatore and Michelle Mauro and played baseball at both Notre Dame High School and Adrean Post. He was fortunate to be recruited by several Division I schools with scholarship offers. Ultimately Steve decided to serve his nation and attend the United States Naval Academy, with the bonus of playing baseball for the Midshipmen.

While at Navy, Steve was a 4 year letterman, Patriot league MVP and a three-time selection to the 1st team all Patriot League as an outfielder and a DH his senior year. Steve was selected by his fellow seniors to become the Team Captain for the 94/95 Season, a significant privilege at the Academy. Steve led his team to a birth in the NCAA Tournament after winning the Patriot league Championship and beating a nationally ranked Delaware team in a best of 3 series "play-in". Navy travelled to Clemson, SC to play in the NCAA Regional tournament, ultimately losing in the double bracket to Clemson (No. 1 seed) and finally Alabama (No. 4 seed).

After graduation, Steve was sworn in as an Ensign and began his Naval Career in the Civil Engineer Corps in May of 1995. In August of 1996, Steve married his high school sweetheart Nicole Trevisani. Steve and Nicole traveled the world for the next 21 years living in places like Monterey CA, Sicily, Washington, DC, Jacksonville, Florida, and Seattle, Washington. Steve and Nicole have three children Joey (23), Noelle (20) and Tessa (17). Steve retired from the Navy in the Summer of 2014, achieving the rank of Commander, and continues to work as Professional Engineer in the construction industry in Atlanta, Georgia.



MICHELYNE PINARD

MODERN ATHLETE



THE YEAR WAYNE LEVI, GUSHOF '90, MADE HISTORY

In 1982, GUSHOFer Wayne Levi, a member of the Inaugural Class of the GUSHOF in 1990, became the first golfer to win a PGA Tour event with a nonwhite ball. The ball Levi used was orange, and the use of the orange ball was copied by golfer Jerry Pate who won the Players Championship later that same year! Levi made a four-foot putt to save par on the 17th hole, then parred the 18th to win the Hawaiian Open golf tournament by a stroke. Levi, who started the final round tied for the lead with Andy North, moved in front on the ninth hole with a five-foot eagle putt. He then fought off challenges by North, Scott Simpson, Ben Crenshaw and Chip Beck to score his fourth career victory. His closing 70 gave him a 72-hole total of 277, or 11 under. The victory was worth \$58,500.



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100 YEARS AGO, GUSHOF MEMBER GEORGE BURNS PART OF HISTORY

On Thursday, August 11, 1921, George Burns, a member of the GUSHOF Class of 1995, was playing for the New York Giants. During that contest, Burns went 4-for-6 with a double and two runs scored. The Giants defeated the Brooklyn Robins 6 to 5. The game was the first to be commercially broadcast via radio!



Four Clinton Comets stand with the statute of themselves unveiled on the plaza outside the Utica Aud. From left are Jack Kane, GUSHOF '97, Borden Smith, GUSHOF '00, Dave Armstrong and Pierre Prevost. (Rome Sentinel)

TWO GUSHOFers ON SYRACUSE.COM ALL-TIME GREATEST HIGH SCHOOL BOYS BASKETBALL PLAYERS LIST



DALE SHACKELFORD

Two members of the GUSHOF have been selected by Syracuse.com as part of the Central New York's 75 All-Time greatest high school basketball players. On the list at #10 is 2002 GUSHOF Inductee Dale Shackleford and at #43 is 2018 Inductee Scott Knapp. Congratulations on the well-deserved recognition to these two fine members of our Hall of Fame!



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A standout athlete at Clinton High School, Michelyne Pinard went on to an outstanding athletic career at Dartmouth College, and later enjoyed 18 sensational seasons as head coach of the women's soccer program at Williams College.

Pinard's Williams teams went 269-51-37 and won NCAA Division III titles in 2015, 2017 and 2018. Her 2014 team was 21-2-1 – the first 20-win season in Williams history - and lost in the NCAA champion to Lynchburg on penalty kicks. The 2015 championship team went 21-1-2.

Williams made 13 consecutive NCAA appearances and 14 in Pinard's last 15 seasons. She is the sixth winningest coach by percentage in women's soccer history. Her teams played in the New England Small College Athletic Conference playoffs, winning eight times.

A three-time NESCAC coach of the year, Pinard coached five NESCAC players of the year, and 18 All-Americans.

Pinard played soccer for 2004 GUSHOF Inductee Richard Hunt at Clinton High School, earning all-state honors after scoring 39 goals in 1993 and finishing her career with 130, both school records. She also was a member of the boys' ice hockey team for Tim Suppe.

She attended to Dartmouth, where she was a key midfielder for a Big Green soccer team that won the 1994 Ivy League title and earned two NCAA tournament berths. In 1998, she won the Mickey Price Award for leadership and commitment on and off the field. While at Dartmouth, she also coached the Upper Valley Lightning Soccer Club for four seasons. On the ice, Pinard was a four-year letter winner for the Big Green and earned All-Ivy League honors in 1998.

Pinard, previously an assistant at Middlebury and Penn, retired from Williams in 2020. She now is the athletic director at the Thatcher School in Ojai, California.



OFFICIAL NOMINATION FORM
February 1, 2022 Deadline

In order to be considered for induction into the Greater Utica Sports Hall of Fame, a person must have lived in the Greater Utica area and achieved or promoted excellence in athletics.

NOMINEE'S NAME: _____

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Please use this form to officially nominate someone you feel is worthy of consideration for induction into the Greater Utica Sports Hall of Fame. **This form must be fully completed in order for the nominee to be considered for induction.** Also, please do NOT include more than (1) ONE additional sheet with this form. If there is more than (1) ONE sheet, the nominee will NOT be considered for induction.

Please mail the completed nomination to:
Greater Utica Sports Hall of Fame; Re: Nominating Committee
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**KEVIN GRIMMER, GUSHOF 2004 RETIRES FROM
SUNY POLY AFTER 37 YEARS OF SERVICE**



Kevin Grimmer, inducted into the GUSHOF in 2004, has called it a career. A standout on the basketball court at Notre Dame High School and Hamilton College, the 1981 NCAA Division III All-American played pro basketball in England in 1981 and 1982. Grimmer began his administrative career in 1985 at SUNY, serving as the Athletic Director since 2000.

At various points, he also coached the SUNY Men's and Women's Basketball teams, Women's Volleyball, and served as Sports Information Director. Congratulations and best wishes Kevin!

**CHERYL LYNNE GODDARD, GUSHOF '96,
STILL RUNS AND TEACHES**

Cheri Lynne Goddard, a New Hartford native and a member of the Class of 1996, is now married to 2000 Olympian Rich Kenah, the Executive Director of the Atlanta Track Club, and the mother of 16-year old twins. She lives in Atlanta, and is very much still involved in the sport she loves. The 1988 New York state cross country champion and 11-time All-American at Villanova is currently a pre-kindergarten teacher for the Marist School in nearby Brookhaven. With her kids in high school, Goddard-Kenah has taken a step back from her coaching duties and recently served as a volunteer for the Olympic Trials marathon held in Atlanta in February 2020, an event sponsored by the Atlanta Track Club and Rich Kenah. Goddard-Kenah, 49, had Olympic dreams of her own but missed out after falling short in the U.S. Trials in 1992 and 1996 and had high hopes in 2000 before an injury derailed her chances, though she was pleased that Rich qualified for the 2000 Games. Besides the Greater Utica Sports HOF, Goddard-Kenah is a member of the Saratoga and Villanova athletic halls of fame.



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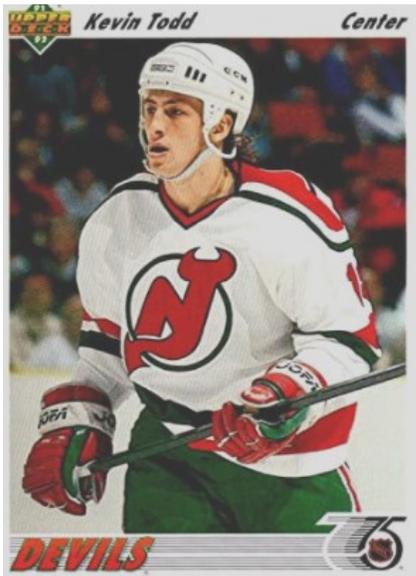
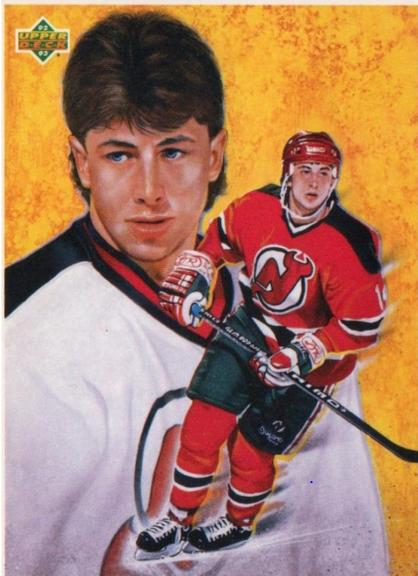
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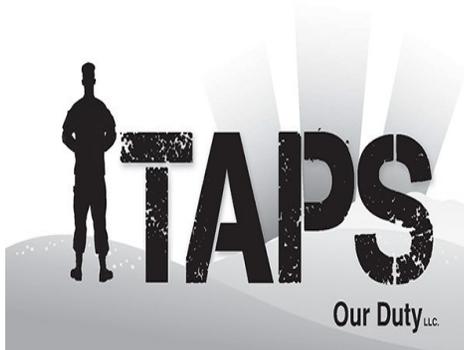
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50 YEARS AGO DAVE CASH, CLASS OF 1990, PART OF MLB HISTORY

On September 1, 1971, 50 years ago, Utica native Dave Cash, a member of the Inaugural Class of the Greater Utica Sports Hall of Fame, became a part of baseball history. On that date, in front of 11,278 fans and batting sixth in a lineup that featured future Hall of Famers Roberto Clemente and Willie Stargell, the Pittsburgh Pirates played a starting lineup that consisted entirely of black and Latino ballplayers.



“It really wasn’t a major thing, until around the third or fourth inning, and Dave Cash was sitting next to me, and one of us said: ‘You know, we got all brothers out there, man,’ and we kind of chuckled because it was no big deal to us,” Pirates first baseman Al Oliver said. “We really had no idea that history was being made.”

After three solid years in the World Hockey League playing for the Prince Albert Raiders, Kevin Todd was drafted by the New Jersey Devils in the 1986 National Hockey League Draft’s seventh round (129th overall). He played for five NHL teams - the Devils, Edmonton Oilers, Chicago Blackhawks, Los Angeles Kings and Anaheim Ducks over his nine-year NHL career. Besides reaching the highs of the NHL, Todd is forever remembered as a beloved member of the Utica Devils during three separate stints with the team. In 226 games played for Utica, Todd scored 83 goals and amassed 163 assists for 246 points enroute to two separate American Hockey League Playoff runs (1988-89 and 1989-90). In 1991, his most productive with Utica, he was named an AHL First All-Star and earned the John B. Sollenberger Trophy as the league’s leading scorer and the Les Cunningham Award as the league’s Most Valuable Player.

During his NHL career, Todd played in 383 games scoring 70 goals and totaled 133 assists for a total of 203 NHL points. His 1990-91 and 1991-92 Devils teams made the playoffs, and Todd pitched in, playing in eight of the contests scoring three goals and adding two assists for five total points. During his first full year with the Devils in 1991-92, Todd broke the team’s rookie scoring record previously held by Kirk Muller and was named to the 1992 NHL All-Rookie Team.

Todd went to Edmonton in 1992-93, split the 1994-95 season between Chicago and Los Angeles, and after beginning the 1995-96 season with Los Angeles, he returned to Utica for a two-game stint with the Blizzard of the United Hockey League before going back to Los Angeles for the 1995-96 season. His best season during that time was his last with Los Angeles when he played in 74 games and scored 16 goals with 27 assists for 43 points. The following year, in Anaheim, Todd helped lead the team to the playoffs, playing in 65 contests and scoring nine goals with 21 assists for 30 points. He played in four of the Ducks’ playoff games that season.

He began the 1997-98 season with Anaheim, but eventually went to play for the Long Beach Ice Hogs in the International Hockey League, where he contributed 18 goals and 28 assists for 46 points over 30 games. He finished his professional career in the Swiss National League with Zug, helping that team make the Swiss League and EURONHL playoff semi-finals.

INDUCTEES



2021

Tom Blackford
Briana Kiesel
Steve Mauro
Michelyne Pinard
Kevin Todd

2019

Moira Dunn-Bohls
Emily Durr
Joanne Gerace
Erin Hamlin
Joe Milazzo
Anthony "Tony" Mondri
Steve Owens
Penny Semaia

2018

Kevin Green
Scott Knapp
Mark Mowers

2017

Mike Adey
Mike Damsky
Mike Durr
Charles Engle
2007 T.R. Proctor Baseball

2016

Bob Conklin
Richie Evans
John Pitarresi

2015

Robin (Bumpus) Penoyer
Robert Esche
Thomas Hoke
Al Knapp

2014

Frank Chiffy
John Cunningham
Richard Hunt
Thomas LaPuma
Ben Ross
Dr. Donald Staffo
1982 New York Mills Team

2013

Stan "Buddy" Evans
Bill Holowaty
Ed Wadas
Tom Wells

2012

Thomas Schoen
1958 S. Utica All-Stars

2011

Bob Barrett
Vic Carucci
Fred Sisti
Irene Wurz
The Mohawk Valley
Stars

2010

Byron Abraham
J. Michael Barr
Ernest Jones
Patrick Kelly
Alonzo Patterson
Rick Siriano

2009

Peter DeStefano
Gerald Gilberti
Joseph Leo
Mike Slive

2008

Ralph Antone
Carl Boykin
David Guido
Edward Herrmann
Ambrose McConnell
Alex "Bobey" Salerno

2007

David Gaylord
Dennis Gregory
William "Bill" Salsbury
Will Smith
Karl Spooner
Alfred Taurisano

2006

Phyllis Calogero
Tony Conigliaro
David D'Alesandro
Rosario "Russ" Dalia
Mike Tomassetti
Rev. Francis Willenburg
Arthur "Butch" Williams

2005

Ralph Lupia
Sheila McInerney
Anthony "Butch" Sisti
Joseph White

2004

Hank Brown
Michael Griffin
Kevin Grimmer
Spartico "Kief" Malara
Santo "Sam" Panicca

2003

Tom LaFountain
Len Maida
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William Shaughnessy

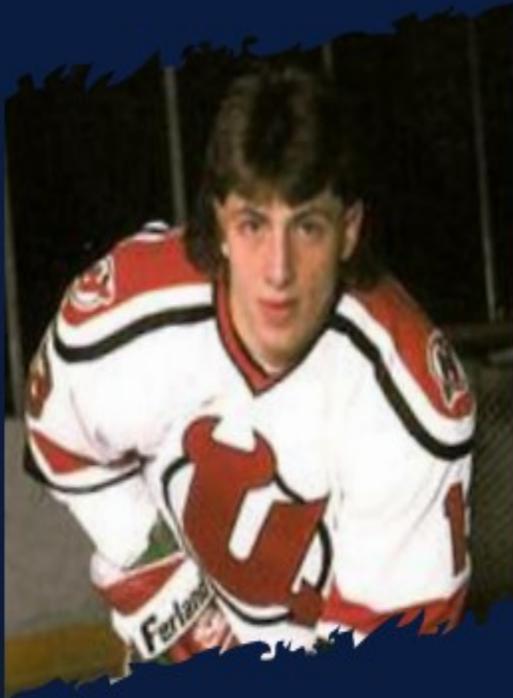


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William Plante
Dale Shackleford

2001

Arthur Cobb
Jeanne Galvin
Harold "Ozzie"
McSweeney
Art Mills
Wendy Sanders

2000

Jack Alofs
Ronald Barr
Lou Lazzaro
Perry Nizzi
Borden Smith

1999

Ed Buckley
Milton Jannone
Robert Jorgensen
Kristin Quackenbush
Jerry Walczak

1998

Frank DuRoss
Walt Hameline
Shelly Pennefather
Norman Pensero
Paul Stappenbeck

1997

Laura Bradley
Bill Deck
Allen Gilberti
Jack Kane
Bill O'Donnell
Howard Rubin
Edward Swiecki
Jacqueline Tompkins

1996

Les Diven
Joe Ficcaro
Cheryl Lynne Goddard
Michaela Kasner
Charles Murnane
Mark Randall
Emerson Roser

1995

Raymond Benjamin
George Burns
Lawrence Calabrese
James Klein
James LaFountain
Benjamin Rizzo
Ted Sator

1994

Greg Batt
Don Edick
Dick Frye
Bushy Graham
"Long" John Kelly
Mark Lemke
Phil Spartano
Margaret Thompson
Andy Van Slyke

1993

Frank Basloe
Charles "Boots" Day
Sam Gratch
Walter Jeff
Billy Mills
Albert Prettyman
Lloyd Walsh

1992

Lou Ambers
Wilbur Crisp
Tony Filipelli
Allen "Chiz" Frye
Catherine "Cash" Garvey
Ted Kroll
Cedric Oliver
Harold "Hal" White
Len Wilbur

1991

Richard Miller Sr.
Elmer Morgan Sr.
Earle Reed
Hal Schumacher
Roberta Shapiro
Edward Stanley

1990

Valentine "Val" Bialas
Dave Cash, Jr.
Edward Furgol
Ed Hinko
William "Bill" Horton
Thaddeus "Ted" Lepcio
Wayne Levi
Tom Murphy

**WE REMEMBER:
THADDEUS "TED" LEPCIO, GUSHOF 1990**

GUSHOF Inductee Thaddeus "Ted" Lepcio, 90, passed away on December 11, 2019 in Dedham, MA. A member of the GUSHOF's inaugural class, Lepcio played four years of baseball and football at T.R. Proctor High School, graduating in 1947, then went on to a solid collegiate baseball career at Seton Hall University. Drafted by the Boston Red Sox, Lepcio played ten years in the Major Leagues with the Red Sox, Tigers, Phillies, White Sox and Twins. He finished his career in Triple-A with the Syracuse Chiefs of the International League. His career statistics were a batting average of .245, 512 hits, 69 home runs, 251 RBI and 11 stolen bases.



**WE REMEMBER:
JIM KLEIN, GUSHOF 1995**



Jim Klein, a 1995 GUSHOF Inductee, passed away on February 4, 2021 at the age of 82. A prolific basketball coach at the high school, collegiate, and professional levels, Klein's teams won 10 city championships and six Central Oneida League (COL) championships when he led the boys varsity squad at Notre Dame High School. He also secured one Section III Class A title en route to a 162-28 career record at the school. Klein also had stops at Our Lady of Lourdes where he went 280-14, and in the pros as coach of the CBA's Utica Olympics team in the late 1970s. Additionally, he coached at Utica Free Academy (where he earned a second COL Title in 1979), John F. Kennedy High School, and SUNY Poly where he spent 11 seasons leading the Men's Basketball program and served as the school's first Athletic Director.

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deserves the love and thanks of
man and woman. Tyranny, like hell,
is not easily conquered;
yet we have this consolation with us,
that the harder the conflict,
the more glorious the triumph.**

**CONGRATULATIONS
Steve and the Mauro family!-Skip**

NEVER FORGET!

WE REMEMBER: THOMAS HOVEY, GUSHOF 2002

Thomas Hovey, fondly referred to as the “Father of the Boilermaker,” passed away on November 5, 2020 in Cooperstown. Inducted into the GUSHOF in 2002 as an athlete and a promoter, Hovey was 91 years old. Hovey was renowned for his skills in distance running, golf and speed skating. He was the prime measurer and designer of the Utica Boilermaker 15K Road Race throughout the city of Utica before the first installment of the iconic run in 1978. Now the largest 15K road race in the country, Hovey helped secure the US Track & Field certification the race now holds. As an athlete, Hovey won 5 of the 70+ marathons he ran, two national cross-country championships in the 1980s, and set course records at seven golf courses throughout New York State and Massachusetts. He also qualified for the 1987 Senior Olympics at Lake Placid for speed skating.



WE REMEMBER: SAM GRATCH, GUSHOF 1993



A soccer all-star and handball and racquetball champion, Sam Gratch, who was inducted into the GUSHOF in 1993, passed away at the age of 94 on August 7, 2019. He started distance running at age 46. Twenty-two years later, he had completed 120 marathons, 21 of them the Boston Marathon. From 1943 to 1945, he served in the U.S. Army Air Force as a physical training instructor and established an Army Air Force record of 2,151 consecutive sit-ups.

Sam played 13 seasons of soccer and won state level honors in handball and racquetball. He has coached track and cross-country and officiated many soccer games and cross-country meets.



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**WE REMEMBER:
MIKE DAMSKY, GUSHOF 2018**



One of the Greater Utica Sports HOF's founders, Mike Damsky, passed away on Christmas Day 2020 two days short of his 87th birthday. Damsky, a member of the GUSHOF Class of 2017, participated in sports for nearly fifty years. From his days as Utica Free Academy's high scorer and MVP for the county all-star team in 1950, to his time attending Ohio State University and playing as a walk-on for the Buckeyes, basketball was a defining part of Mike's legacy. He spent time playing for the army and many years for the Utica MUNY league, followed by his days as a member of some of the best senior-league teams around, both regionally and nationally. After turning 55, Mike qualified for every National Senior Olympics, where he played until he was 83.

DID YOU KNOW that native Utican and GUSHOF Member George Burns, Class of 1995, won a World Series title with the old New York Giants 100 years ago in 1921? In defeating the Babe Ruth-led New York Yankees, Burns went 11-for-33 (.333) with 4 doubles, a triple, two RBI and a stolen base!



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